## VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

**President** : I am sorry to say that the Surgeon-General is not well-to-day and she will be called in tomorrow. With the leave of the House, I will postpone discussion of that demand.

### DEMAND XI—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION.

**Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai** (*Director of Public Health*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 2,68,800 under Demand XI—Public Health and Sanitation.

**Mr. T. W. U. Park** (*Travancore Planters*): Sir, I support the Demand and take this opportunity of emphasising again the necessity of regarding malaria control measure as a permanent feature of expenditure. I welcome the appointment of a highly trained malaria officer of wide experience.

From what I know of the measure already taken in Neyyattinkara Taluk I feel satisfied that it will not be long before the work has passed the experimental and exploratory stage. I understand that the Vector species of mosquito have already been identified and in this case the expansion of the work can go ahead so as to include ultimately all the tracts affected by malaria.

In this connection, as Government are aware, successful measures have already been adopted on many estates and I can safely promise the wholehearted co-operation of Estates with the Department of Public Health in the matter of malaria control.

**Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai** : Sir, I rise to speak on this Demand to emphasise the necessity for continuing the work in Quilon against the plague epidemic. It may be, Sir, that due to the very vigilant work done by this Department and due to the vigilant steps taken, the plague that broke out did not spread very much. But I do not know whether it will be safe to stop this work because we have not discovered any rat falls recently. I believe that the destruction of rats should continue and the staff appointed for that purpose should continue to do that work, and also continue their vigilance. It is just to emphasise this point I wanted to speak on this Demand.

**Mr. T. Krishna Pillai** (*Kalkulam anā Vilavancode* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : Sir, in supporting this Demand I wish the Public Health Director to enlighten the House as to the nature of the control, remedial and relief measures that are being adopted by the department at present in the malaria affected regions in South Travancore.

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